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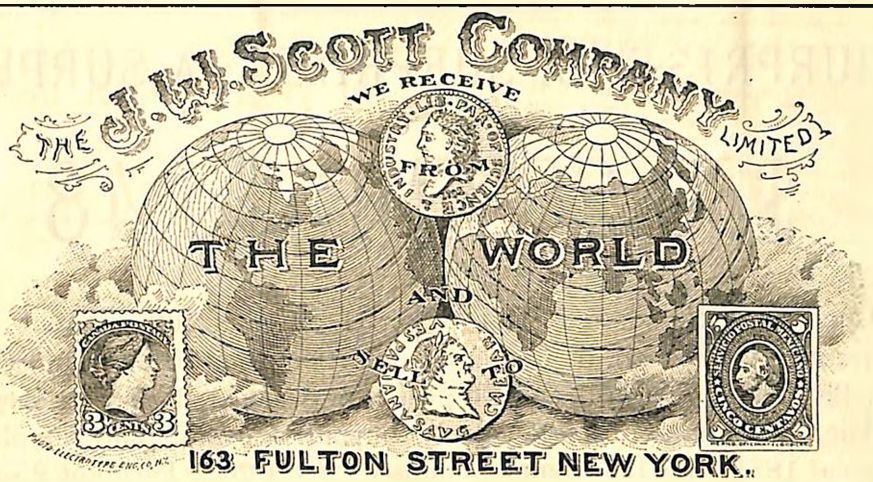

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" 10c. green buff, p., die 5	1 50
‡1857 1c blue buff, p	60
1860 10c. green buff, p	6 00
‡1861 10c green white, p	30
‡ " 10c. green buff p., colored both sides	1 00
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" 24c green and red	3 00
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‡ " 3c pink, blue p	55
‡ " 6c. pink, buff p	40
‡ " 6c pink, white p	55
‡1864 2c. black, buff p	75
‡1864 6c. pink, white p., cut to shape	20
‡ " 6c purple, white p	35
‡ " 3c. brown, " p	35
‡ " 6c. pink, buff p	20
‡ " 3c. brown, " p	35
‡ " 6c. purple, " p	55
‡ " 9c. yellow, " p	75
‡ " 12c. brown, " p	1 10
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‡ " 24c. blue " p	1 00
‡ " 30c. green " p	1 00
‡ " 40c. rose " p	1 00
‡1874 10c. brown, white p., die A Plimpton issue	75
‡1870 10c plum, white p., Reay issue	2 25
‡1874 15c. orange, white p, Plimpton issue	2 00
‡1870 24c. purple, " p., Reay issue	4 00
‡1870 30c black. " p. Reay issue	2 75
‡1874 90c carmine " p., Plimpton issue	2 00
‡ " 7c. vermillion, amber p Plimpton issue	35
‡ " 10c. brown " p. die (a) Plimpton issue	1 00
‡1870 12c. plum, amber p, Reay issue	2 00
‡ " 24c. purple, amber p., Reay issue	4 00
‡1874 30c. black salmon p., Plimpton issue	3 00
1882 5c brown, fawn p., Plimpton issue	4 50
‡1873 War Dept. 2c. dark red manilla p	3 75
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1875 " " 6c light red cream p	2 00
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‡ " 1884 £1 brown	6 50
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‡ " 1873 3d claret	1 00
" 1873 5sh pink	2 00
Belgium 1878 5 fr brown	75
Bermuda 1875 1p on 3p yellow	1 00
" 1875 1p on 2p blue	1 50
" 1875 3p on 1p rose plain letters	5 00
" 1875 3p on 2p blue plain letters	5 00
Br. Honduras, half of 2 c on 1d on piece of env.	1 00
British Guiana 1853 4c blue white line unp	2 00
‡ " 1881 prov "1" on 48 cents	1 25
‡ " 1862 1 c pink, grape border	35 00
Cape of Good Hope 1861 Wood Block 4d blue	3 00
" " 1853 1d red blue paper	40
" " 1857 1 gr. pair slightly damaged	1 00
‡Ceylon, 1865 4d. rose Cr. and C. C. perf	65
" 1867 5d green	1 00
" 1885 30 or 36 c blue	1 00
Fiji Islands 1881 5 sh. black and rose	1 25
Finland 1860 10 kop env	3 00
France, 1882, 5 fr. blk unpaid letter	50
Gold Coast, 1883. 2 stamps of 1d. blue, and half of p. blue used as 2½d. on part of env.	2 00
Great Britain, 1884, £1 oblong, pair, with 3 orbs used postally, rare	5 00
Hong Kong. 1865, 96c. yellow brown	2 50
" 1877, $1.00, on 96c. slate	1 50
" " 50c. on 48c. brown	75
" 1875, $10 rev. used postally	3 50
Malta, 1885, 5 sh rose	1 50
Mexico 1861, 8 reals brown unp	3 00
N. S. Wales, 1850, 3d green	2 50
" 1850, 1d red, no clouds	6 00
" 1851, 1d carmine, blue p laid p, no leaves to the right of south	2 00
" 1850, 2d. bl. dot in stars	4 00
" " 2d. bl no dot in stars, laid p	4 00
St. Vincent ½d. red on half of 6d green	2 00
Saxony, 1856, 10 n. g. blue unp	1 00
" env stp. 1 n. g. rose	60
" " 3 " yellow	1 25
" " 5 " lilac	75
Shanghai, 1876 3 ca. rose	1 10
Spain 1850 6 reals blue	2 00
" 1851 2 c lilac	75
" 1851 6 r. blue	2 00
" " 10 r. green	75
Spain 1852 6 r. blue	2 00
" 1853 6 r "	2 00
" 1854 1 r. "	9 00
" 1862 19c rose	1 10
" 1865 19c brown and pink	3 50
" 1867 19c rose	1 10
Switzerland Geneva 1845 5c	1 50
" " 1847 5c	1 10
" Vand 1848 5c blk and red	2 00
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Ecuador 1887 80c grey	50	25
" 1881 20c slate	10	5
" 1881 50c green	25	10
" 1887 1c green	3	1
Nova Scotia 3 pence blue	65	45
" 5c blue	5	2
" 2c lilac	10	5
†Mexico 1879 25c	50	25
New Brunswick 5c green	5	2
U S Medicine Father Matthews 4c black	75	25
†Mexico 1879 50c	80	45
Malta 2½ blue	05	2
Japan 8 s pence	3	1
†Mexico 1879 85c	$2 00	85
Great Britain 2 sh and 6 pence	15	10
Grenada 1888 4 pence on 2 sh	40	20
†Mexico 1879 100c	2 00	$1 00
Queensland 1881 rev. used for postage 1sh green	3 00	1 25
Ceylon 1885 5c on 8c orange	15	10
Belgium 1879 postal packet 50c carmine	15	6
†Mexico 1882 5c	25	8
† " 1882 10c	30	10
† " 1882 12c	25	15
† " 1882 18c	35	20
† " 1882 24c	50	25
† " 1882 25c	5 00	1 50
† " 1882 10c brown (error)	5 00	1 00

	Catalogue Price.	My Price.
†U S 1869 6c	50	20
St Pierre Miquelon 5c on 1 F green	1 00	25
†Canada 1882 wrapper 1c blue on yellow paper entire	25	15
St Pierre Miquelon 5c on 4 claret	1 50	1 00
" " 5c on 75c carmine	2 00	1 00
†Mexico Envelopes entire 10c green	25	12
† " " " 25c blue	25	12
† " " " 4c orange	25	15
† " " " 10c "Habelatoch"	1 50	60
†Honduras 1878 set of 7 var. 1c, 2c, ½, 1, 2, 4 R and 1 sh	3 18	45
†Honduras 1878 1 peso	1 60	25
†Newfoundland post cards 3 var	40	12
U S Blood & Co on envelope	50	35
†Corea 10 m	10	4
Great Britain 1854 4p bluish paper w m small garter	35	20
Great Britain 1854 4p bluish paper w m large garter	30	15
Great Britain 1854 4p white paper w m large garter	2	1
Mexico 1864 1 R blue	10	5
" 1867 1 R gum paper	75	35
" 1861 ½ R blue	15	10
" 1861 1 R yellow	8	5
" 1866 Litho 13c blue	25	15
" 25c buff Litho	40	25
China 3 var lilac	5	3

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No. 5. PETERBOROUGH, MAY, 1890. Vol. 2

CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGART.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.—There is a new 4c. wrapper stamp inscribed "Correos y Telegrafos," blue on grey-yellow. *Der Ph.* notes the 1c. of 1874 rouletted. We mentioned this in September, 1887, but think it is a perforated stamp which has been cut.

BAVARIA.—The 25pf is orange.

BULGARIA.—The 10sto. now comes in the new type.

BRAZIL.—M. W. F. Gregory has shown us the new 200 reis of same design as the 100 reis. It is lilac on violet. There are six other varieties to come, viz: 20r, paris green, 50r olive green, 300r dark blue, 500r brick red, 700r violet, 1,000r yellow.

Of the unpaid letter stamps, the 300r is emerald green (c. c. 35.), 700r lilac (c. c. 61), and 1,000r slate (c. c. 105) not as reported last month.

COLUMBIA.—The 50c. Cubierta comes now printed in blue. We have also a new 2c. adhesive of similar type to the 10c. noted last month. The principal difference is that the words "Republica de Columbia" are at the top in a curve instead of below. Red on rose.

CUBA.—There is also a 4c. baby head, card.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—There are also two new bands, 2c. rose on buff, 157x239 mm. and 3c. orange on buff, 142x310 mm. and envelopes, 5c. blue, 10c. orange, 2c. brown, all on white, 140x80 mm. Cards, 1c. and 1+1c. (T. 2) green on buff.

DUTCH INDIES.—*Der Ph.* notes a 3c. lilac (c. c. 67), with value in circle.

FINLAND.—The envelopes come with stamp of the new type.

GUATEMALA.—There are new cards and envelopes made in London. The cards are 3c. blue on white for Interior and 3c. and 3+3c. (T. 3) rose on white for Postal Union. The envelopes have large oval stamp with Post horn, 5c. blue, 10c. rose on white laid paper; also a 2c. wrapper, brown on manilla.

HAWAII.—The A. J. P. says the 1c. and 1+1c. cards are now vermilion on orange buff, and the 2+2c. card light blue on white.

HONDURAS.—The complete set as chronicled in March, comes printed in pale yellow, and surcharged "oficial" in red.

JAMAICA.—The A. J. P. says the ½, 1, 2d. comes surcharged "official."

NICARAGUA.—There is an official envelope with oval stamp in upper right corner about the size and shape of that of Liberia. It was made in London. We are sorry we cannot give further particulars.

PORTO RICO.—In addition to the stamps chronicled last month there are 40c. orange and 80c. yellow green.

QUEENSLAND.—There are various minor types of nearly all the values, as well as the 1d. noted last month.

SEYCHELLES.—Messrs. D. La Rue & Co. have made a series of stamps for these islands, The head of the queen is to the left in oval with "Seychelles" above and "Postage" at each side, on straight labels. Below is the value in figures on hexagonal label with branches of leaves at sides. Water-mark C.A. and perforated 14. The values and colors are: 2c. green and carmine, 4c. carmine and green, 8c. brown and blue, 10c. blue and brown, 13c. grey and black, 16c. orange and blue, 48c. yellow-green and green, 96c. violet and carmine.

SORUTH.—There is a new type setting of the first issue and *Le T. P.* notes the following; 1a red on white, 1a black on blue, 4a black on blue, 4a black on white. They come both perforated and unperforated, in sheets of twelve varieties.

SWITZERLAND.—The A. J. P. says a 3fc. stamp will soon be issued.

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PICTOU, *May* 19, 1890.

H. F. Ketcheson,

DEAR SIR,—Please announce in the current number of the DOMINION PHILATELIST that the Official Board have decided to call the Third Annual Convention of the C. P. A. in Montreal, the week following the A. P. A. Convention, and that we hope to have as many of our American members and collectors generally present as can make it convenient to attend.

Yours truly,
A. J. CRAIG,
President C.P.A.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The following donations for the C. P. A Library were received during the month of April, for which, on behalf of the Association, I beg to tender thanks:—

	No. Pieces.
Geo. H Watson, Roselle, N.Y.	546
M. E. Finney, Harrisburg, Pa.	29
H. F. Mooers, box 638 Kingston, Ont.	26
E. F. Wurtele, 93 St. Peter st, Quebec.	25
C. C. Morency, box 513 Quebec.	20
E. O Evans, Charlestown, Mass.	6
Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York.	3
"Central Philatelist" Pub. Co.	3
R. C. H. Brock, Philadelphia.	1
J. W. Scott Co., New York.	1
E. R. Aldrich, Benson, Minn.	1
Total No. Pieces.	661

This is the best record yet, and the magnificent donations of Mr. Watson are deserving of special mention. He has contributed between six and seven hundred pieces to our Library which speaks more than words for his generosity. In fact, it is noticeable that very few Canadians contribute. Those that do so are like Messrs. Wurtelle, Morency and others, who, having been sending lots at various times. Mr. Watson's valuable addition arrived safely "in bond," and it cost the sender a nice little sum for postage alone. Messrs. Finney, Mooers, Evans, Brock and Scott send some good things. I have not received any priced stamp sale catalogues yet—even the loan thereof. And now, reader, what have you done?

J. R. HOOPER.

Alfred Lane, Barrie, Ont., kindly sends his photo. for our album. I shall have much pleasure in taking his genial countenance to the Convention, with the others I have in the C. P. A. album.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

This month we are no better off than we were last, as regard applications, having only one. As was intimated in my report for February, all who are in arrears for dues and have not paid up, are expelled, and their names and addresses published.

LIST OF APPLICATIONS NO. 21.

J. D. WILLETS, Flushing, N. Y. References: E. O. Sterling, Trenton, N. J; R. R. Bogert, New York.

LIST OF NEW MEMBERS, NO. 20.

No. 233—A. Liondis, Box 957, Montreal, Q.

LIST OF MEMBERS EXPELLED FOR NON-PAY- OF DUES.

111—Babb, H. A., Box 301. Denver, Col.

115—Bacon, W. H., West Newton, Mass.

117—Bixby, John S., 835 West Main St., Decatur, Ill.

31—Caron, J. A., 331 Superior St. W., Duluth, Minn.

Creed, F. O., 6 Smith St., Halifax, N. S.

168—Crosby, F. D., South Ohio, N. S.

78—Curry, C. A., Halifax, N. S.

59—Caldwell, J. W., Halifax, N. S.

178—Calder, W. T., Windsor, N. S.

167—Dunsford, Ley, Box 47, Peterborough, Ont.

112—Fieldwisch, J. C., Box 2922, Denver, Col.

135—Fieldwisch, F. W., Box 2922, Denver, Col.

92—Fletcher, A. G. A., Box 568, Woodstock, Ont.

177—Fullscher, C. J., St. Louis, Mo.

89—Graydon, W. J., Streetsville, Ont.

144—Kingston, George A., Bellville, Ont.

148—Lane, Alf., Barrie, Ont.

83—Lea, E. P., 23 Bloor St. West, Toronto, Ont.

70—Mason, Mrs. J. S., Cleveland, O.

66—McMinn, T. S., New York.

88—Meek, Chas. S., 12 North St., Toronto. Ont.

147—Montgomery, J. C., Brantford, Ont.

108—Needham, A. G., Milton W., Ont.

132—Retallick, S. G., Box 576 Belleville, Ont.

32—Palma, J. J., Guatemala.

146—Scott. S. C., Calmer, Iowa.

71—Shannon, E. G., 58 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N. S.

12—Simpson, H. A., Belleville, Ont.

60—Simpson, W. E., Guysboro, N. S.

30—Smith, E. F., 89 Spring Garden Road. Halifax, N. S.

8—Todd, J. H.; Banff, N. W. T., Canada.

166—Todd, A. R., York Castle, St. Anne's, Jamaica.

99—Von Utasey, G. W., 5055 Green St., Germantown, Pa.

40—Voute, E. W., 307 Webster ave., Chicago, Ill.

26—Woodsworth, Chas. G., Box 3003, Denver, Col.

41—Wohlfahrt, Rudolph, Erfurt, Germany.

173—Young, Racey W., Milton, Ont.

Any member desiring reinstatement can get it by payment of all arrears of dues.

A CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

W. J. Parrish, 1512 Park ave , Kansas City, Mo., U. S. A.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D A. KING,
Secretary.

POSTAL DOCUMENTS.

DIEGO-SUAREZ AND MADAGASCAR.

No. 414.—Decree putting an end to the postal franchise granted to the military serving at Diego-Suarez, and at Madagascar.

The President of the French Republic, seeing the law of May 30, 1871, granting the postal franchise to letters from, or addressed to, soldiers or sailors forming part of an army corps in campaign;

Upon the report of the President of the Council, Minister of Commerce, Industry, and the Colonies,

DECREES.

Article I. The franchise which is now accorded correspondence coming from, or addressed to, the soldiers and sailors forming part of the troops serving in Diago-Suarez and the expeditionary corps at Madagascar, will cease to be granted after January 1, 1890.

Article II. The exemption from the tax of 1 per cent. on money orders addressed to the soldiers or sailors designated in the previous article will also be withdrawn after the same date.

Article III. The President of the Council, Minister of Commerce, Industry, and the Colonies, and the Minister of Marine are charged, each in that which concerns them, with the execution of the present decree, which will be inserted in the *Bulletin of the Laws* and in the *Official Journal of the French Republic.*

Done at Paris, November 22, 1889.

[*Signed*] CARNOT.

By the President of the Republic,
The President of the Council,
Minister of Commerce,
Industry and the Colonies.
[*Signed*] P. TIRARD.

The Senator,
Minister of Marine,
[*Signed*] E. BARBEY.

EGYPT.

Administration of Egyptian Posts.

In accordance with the Khedive's decree of January 25, last, on and after March 1, next, the rate for letters circulating throughout the interior of Egypt will be reduced to 5 milliemes

(20 paras) if prepaid, and double if not, for each 15 grams or fraction of 15 grams.

On the same date and to correspond to this new rate, there will be put on sale new stamped envelopes and envelope letters of 5 milliemes.

ALEXANDRIA, February 15, 1890.

RUSSIA.

(From a St. Petersburg paper of Nov. 18 (30) 1889.

From a notice by the Chief of the Postal and Telegraph administration, published in the *Official Messenger* of this morning, there will be put in circulation the ensuing year:

1. Special postal wrappers for sending under bands, which are impressed with a postage stamp, and

2. Letter cards furnished with a postage stamp intended to replace letter paper and envelopes.

The postal wrappers are of three sizes: small, medium and large, and in order that they may hold securely the enclosures, the medium and large bands should be divided into two bands. Their price will be 1½ kopecs for the small size, and 2½ kopecs for the medium and larges sizes.

The letter cards will be of the same size and only distinguishable by the color of the paper, which will be white for letters sent by the local post (in the same town), stamp of 5 kopecs; yellow for letters sent to the interior of the empire, stamp of 7 kopecs; gray for letters sent abroad, stamp of 10 kopecs.

The letter cards will be sold for a 1½ kopec above their face value.

The wrappers and post cards will be put on sale at St. Petersburg, January 1 (13), 1890, and later at Moscow, Warsaw, Odessa, Kief, Riga, and in the other cities.

URUGUAY.

Post Office Department.

NOTICE.—By order of the general management, there will be put in circulation December 1, next, a new issue of one and two-cent postage stamps, the first printed in rose, the second in blue.

Ninety days time will be allowed from the above date to retire from circulation all the old stamps of the same values. The exchange of these stamps for the new may be accomplished during the indicated period in all the post-offices of the country.

By reason of this delay it is ordered that the stamps which are not retired from circulation will be considered as useless, and of without value for postage.

MONTEVIDEO, November 28, 1889.

WURTEMBURG.

Department of Foreign Affairs.

Ordinance of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Division of establishments of exchange, relative to the changing of colors of certain Wurtemburg stamps.

On and after January 1, 1890, the following Wurtemburg stamps will be changed in color without altering the design in any way.

The 3 pfennig postage stamps, and the stamps on the cards for printed matter, and the wrappers which were bright green, will be brown after that date.

The 5 pfennig adhesive stamps, envelopes and post cards which were violet, will be green.

The 15 pfennig money order envelopes, now bright orange, will be violet.

The 25 pfennig stamp, now orange brown, will be orange.

The 50 pfennig stamp, now gray green, will be red brown.

The 1 mark stamps for the official use of the government authorities, which has been bright orange, will be violet.

The colors of the other stamps will not be changed.

The issue of the new colors as above, which correspond to those of the stamps of the Empire, will not be put on sale until the corresponding values of the old stock are disposed of.

The date at which the old stamps will become of no value will be announced later.

[*Signed*] MITTNACHT.

STUTTGARDT, December 21, 1889.

—An unperforated sheet of the Centennial Twopence of N. S. W. was purchased in the ordinary course at the counter of the general Post Office, Sydney, by a collector, who, it is perhaps needless to say, did not take any step to rectify the omission of the perforation!—*Australian Federal Philatelist.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

EMMETTSBURG, *Iowa, May* 6, 1890.

H. F. KETCHESON,

DEAR SIR,—I have been for about 18 months very bad off financially and could not pay even some of the small debts that I expected to be able to pay between large payments. A year ago last spring bought lots in town and put up large houses on them to rent. The houses and other necessary things cost more than $800 more than I figured upon, and to add to this we had a hail storm that cut the crops all to pieces on my farm which I had rented for cash. This left the renters without anything to pay with and one Saturday night they skipped out. This left me in a bad position, and in order to save myself I had to mortgage everything I had and payments were made to come so often and large that every cent had to be saved to pay on my debts, or rather the mortgage, or lose all. All of this I wrote Mr. Grenny and Hooper at the time and told them just how the matters stood and that I meant to pay just as soon as I could spare a cent and requested Grenny to return my stamps, which he refused to do, but after writing to the Chicago Society, of which I am a member, consented to do so, and returned them. I filled new sheets and sent them back to be placed on the circuit. The first lot was sent on Dec. 9th, when I sent $13.21. Jan. 29th, 1890, I sent $5.61; Feb. 3rd, $6.67; Feb. 20th, $2.59; total $28.08, none of which so far has been acknowledged. The only thing he has to be mad at is the fact that I did agree to send $5.00 or more on a stated time, but I failed to receive the money and could not send it. Grenny now has over $28.00 worth of my stamps which he refuses to acknowledge receipt of or publish in the Official Journal with the other members stamps and I presume has not placed upon the circuit. Jan. 21st I sent 10 Phil. papers to the C. P. A. Library but no acknowledgement of them has ever been received nor were they published or spoken of in the Jan No. C. P. A. organ as were several others. In the Feb. No. I am taken up again by Acadia (I do not know who Acadia is) and made to appear as one who *refuses to pay* and wants to steal the Association Stamps, no allowance being made for misfortune or intentions to pay the debt by the sale of my stamps through the Society which right I have as long as a member. As to my reputation for honesty, I can send the names of many dealers and collectors, who have known me since 1873, many of whom will testify to my honesty.

Acadia and Hooper, I will answer in another number as I am not *ventilated* enough yet to suit me. Thanking you for your time I am,

Respectfully,

H. C. KENDALL.

[ED.—We received the above letter some time ago and as the writer seems to have been badly used we give it a place in our colums that those who are accused may have a chance to defend themselves.]

—There is a dangerous forgery of the Van Diemen's Land Fourpence of 1853 in existence. It is lithographed on coarse white paper, closely resembling that used for the originals; the letters on the base of the neck are more like three dots, and the cross hatching surrounding the central oval is very irregular, especially immediately above the EM of "DIEMEN'S." It is postmarked with a cancellation consisting of nine bars forming an oblong with rounded corners, printed in black.—*Australian Federal Philatelist.*

—The Canada 15c. has again changed color. It is now bright violet.

—We still want a few more subscribers. Send along your 15c. If you are not satisfied at end of year we will refund your money.

—Tasmanian postal notes are payable at all money order offices in South Australia and Victoria, but are subject to a charge to the payee, by way of commission, of a sum equal to that which would be charged on the sale of a postal note for a like amount issued in South Australia or Victoria.

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NOTICE.

Owing to the serious illness of the editor we are a few days late this month. Many correspondents who have not yet had an answer to their last letters must not be uneasy as all will be answered in a few days now.

SWINDLERS.

Our notice of W. H. Purdy, of Aylmer West, in our last number, has brought us dozens of letters from dealers in the United States and Canada who have been victimized by him, and to all such we would say that we are after him, and hope to have something to report in our next. Another swindler has turned up in the person of a "Mr. K. Cunningham, of box 308, Montreal." He carried on business on a gigantic scale and must have got from all accounts several hundred dollars worth of stamps. Detectives have been employed to hunt him up, but he has not yet been located. He came to the Montreal post office and rented a box and received a large quantity of mail each day. He wrote under different names to most of the dealers on this continent, representing himself to be an old collector and wanting only good stamps. Many responded and when returns did not come promptly, as promised, wrote again, but could get no reply. Then they wrote the Postmaster and he had his mail stopped, but too late as he had flown with his plunder. We would like to hear from all who had been swindled by either of the above parties, as we want all the evidence possible to try and bring them to justice.

CONTINUED FROM LAST ISSUE.

THE STAMP MANIA IN 1863.

From the Stamp News.

years ago. The whole of the British stamps bear the impression of the head of Queen Victoria, and are all of the same size and shape (if we except the ten-penny stamp), the sole difference being in the colour, and in the various borderings round the Queen's portraits. Besides these distinguishing marks, however, they all tell the tale of their own value.

Our colonies issue their own stamps, with different designs. Some of them are emblematical; the Swan River Territory using the design of a 'Swan,' and the Cape of Good Hope choosing that of 'Hope' reclining, but they are gradnally adopting the British plan of a profile of the sovereign. The portrait of our Queen appears on two hundred and forty varieties of stamps. Nearly all the stamps used in the colonies, and even some for foreign governments, are designed, engraved, printed, and embossed in London, and many of them are much prettier than the products of our own Stamp Office. The principal houses for the manufacture of colonial stamps are Messrs. De la Rue and Co. and Perkins, Bacon & Co., of Fleet Street.

Soon after the introduction of postage stamps, stamped envelopes were again proposed. This time the proposition was a very simple one, only consisting of the usual kind of stamp embossed on the right hand corner of a common envelope, the stamps to be oval, round, or octagonal, according to the value of the envelope. For the envelopes themselves, a peculiar kind of paper was prepared by Mr. Dickenson, and was considered on all hands to be the best possible preventive of forgery.

This paper, which was manufactured with lines of thread or silk stretched through its substance has been used ever since. Russia, in adopting the stamped envelopes, guards against forgery by means of a large watermark of a spread eagle running all over the envelope. The British stamp office affords every facility in the matter of stamped paper and envelopes, and private individuals may indulge their tastes to almost any extent. The officers of the Stamp Office will place an embossed stamp, for merely its nominal value, on any kind of paper or envelope, which may be sent to them for that purpose. A recent concession which has been made, may be regarded as one of the latest novelties in the advertising world; under this arrangement, the Stamp Office permits embossed rings, with the name of a particular firm, to be placed round the stamp, as a border for it.

In 1844, after the *expose* of the letter-opening at the general Post Office, Mr. Leech gave in *Punch* his 'Anti-Graham envelopes.' This satirical postage envelope,* afterwards engraved by W. J. Linton, and widely circulated, represents Sir James Graham sitting as 'Britannia.'

For eight long years, the British people may be said to have enjoyed a complete monopoly in postage stamps. Towards the close of 1848, they were introduced into France, and subsequently into every civilized nation in the world. The Royal portrait is in most countries the prevailing design, exceptional cases occur in which, eagles, crosses, caps of liberty, and coats of arms appear. In a few cases, the stamp simply bears in figures the value of the label. Only this year has the postage stamp penetrated into the Ottoman Empire, where, as Mohammedan usage will not admit of his portrait being presented, the stamps are designed so as to show a *fac-simile* of the Sultan's signature.

Of course great precaution is taken in the printing of the stamps to provide against forgery. All the lines and marks, as well as the initial letters in each corner, mean something, and the whole affair is regarded as almost inimitable. Take a penny stamp and look at it narrowly; running up each side, we have a narrow slip of prettily carved trellis-work; in the two corners at the top there are two small figure spaces, with the word 'Postage' between them; and at the other two corners, two more square spaces, each containing a letter of the alphabet. No one of the 240 stamps in a sheet will exhibit the same two letters, but the changes on the alphabet are rung throughout the series. This mystic arrangement of the letters of the alphabet is supposed to constitute the great check on the forger; but we think we see far greater difficulties in the way of this pest to society than that, the forger would not only have to engrave his own die and cast his own blocks, not only have to find his own drilling machine—not his least difficulty—but he would have to make his own paper and even own *ink*. If we look at the back of our postage stamps, we will find that each die has been struck on a piece of paper, bearing the mark of a crown impressed on the paper as a watermark at the time of its manufacture. The ink, also, with which postage stamps are printed, differs from ordinary printer's ink, not only in color, but in being soluble in water. More, however, than even its execution, the fact of the stamp being a government article and only obtainable in any large quantity from the Stamp or Post Office, makes any attempt on the part of the forger to put a spurious article in circulation exceedingly difficult. Stamps, while they do duty for coin, are used almost exclusively for small transactions, and generally among people well known to each other.

When postage stamps were first introduced into Britain, it was little thought that they would become a medium of exchange, and far less that they would excite such a *furore* among stamp collectors.

Most of readers will have heard something of stamp collectors, but few will be aware of the extent to which the *timbromanie*, or stamp mania, has been carried. The scenes in Birchin Lane last year, where crowds congregated nightly, to the exceeding annoyance and

*Described in Mr. Wear's *History of the Mulready Envelope* pp. 33, 34, an illustration will be found in the appendix to Moen's catalogue, 6th edition, plate 107.

wonderment of policemen X——, where ladies and gentlemen of all ages and all ranks, from cabinet ministers to crossing sweepers, were busy, with album or portfolio in hand, buying, selling or exchanging, are now known to have been the beginning of what may almost be termed a new trade. Postage stamp exchanges are now common enough; one held in Lombard Street on Saturday afternoons is largely attended. Looking the other day in the advertisement pages of a monthly magazine we counted no fewer than 60 different dealers in postage stamps there advertising their wares. Twelve months ago, there was no regular mart in London, at which foreign stamps might be bought, now there are a dozen regular dealers in the metropolis who are doing a profitable trade. Within the last few months we have witnessed the establishment of a monthly organ for the trade; and in the second number of the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* the publishers are moved to say that its success has far exceeded their most sanguine expectations. England is not the only country interested in stamp collecting. As might be expected the custom originated in France and has prevailed there for a number of years. In the gardens of the Tuileries, and also to some extent in those of the Luxembourg, crowds still gather, principally on Sunday afternoons, and may be seen sitting under the trees, sometimes in a state of great excitement, as they busily sell or exchange any of their surplus stock for some of which they may have been in search. The gathering of a complete set of postage stamps, and a proper arrangement of them, is at least a harmless and innocent amusement.

AUCTION SALES.

THE GEORGE F. CRANE SALE.

Following close upon the heels of the Brock sales, the Scott Stamp & Coin Co. L'd., sold on March 31st and April 1st, the fine collection of Mr. Geo. F. Crane, of New York.

Besides containing many rare stamps one of the greatest attractions of this collection was the faultless condition of most of the stamps, as almost every specimen was a perfect copy.

The following prices were realized for some of the rare stamps:

New York, 1843, 3c blue, wove paper, used	$20 00
New York, 1843, 3c blue, glazed paper, creased, used	6 10
New York, 1845, 5c black, variety, with double line, used	16 00
Providence, 10c. black	17 50
United States, 1857, 5c red brown, used	5 00
" 1866, 3c vermilion	10 00
" 1869, 90 cent carmine, grilled	5 70
United States, Carrier stamp, 1849, 1c pink, on letter	7 00
United States, Carrier stamp, 1849, 1c yellow, on letter	5 50
United States, Carrier stamp, 1849, 1c buff, used	6 25
United States, Carrier stamp, 1851, 1c red, used	7 00
Barbados, 1878, 1p on half of 5sh, used	7 75
Bolivia, 1867 5c violet, used	6 50
" 1867 10c brown, used	10 25
" 1867 10c green, used	5 50
" 1867 50c blue, doubtful type	7 50
" 1867 100c green, doubtful type	7 00
" 1869 500c black, 9 stars	10 00
" 1871 500c black, 11 stars	31 00
Brazil, 1844 180r black, used	4 50
" 1844 300r black, used	6 50
" 1844 600r black, used	9 00
British Columbia Vanc Id, 1868, 10c rose pink and blue	6 15
British Columbia Vanc Id, 1868, 1d green and blue	8 00
British Guiana, 1850, 1c magenta, patimus error, used	11 00
British Guiana, 1850, 4c blue, magenta patimus error, used	12 25
British Guiana, 1856, 4c magenta, type set, used	37 00
British Guiana, 1862, 1c brown, used	6 50
Buenos Ayres, 1858, 1 peso brown used	5 25
Buenos Ayres, 1858, 3 pesos green, used	13 00
Buenos Ayres, 1858, 4 reales, brown, used	10 00
Canada, 1857, 7½p green, used	5 10

Cape Good Hope, 1861, wood block, 1p red, used	5 50
Ceylon, 1857, 1sh 9p green, used	6 00
Ceylon, 1879, 2r 50c red brown	6 25
France, 1849, 1fc vermilion, used	15 00
French Colonies, Guadeloupe, unpaid, 40c black	5 00
Great Britain, 1882, £5 orange, used	7 00
Hawaiian Islands, unpaid, 1859, 2c black on bluish, used	5 75
Hawaiian Islands, unpaid, 1863, 2c blue, used	5 60
Hawaiian Islands, unpaid, 1864 1c black	6 00
Japan, 1874 30s slate on thin native paper	7 50
Mauritius, 1848 1p red, white paper, used	6 75
Mauritius, 1848 1p red, bluish paper, used	5 10
Mauritius, 1848 2p blue, bluish paper, used	8 00
Mauritius, 1863 1sh green, used	6 00
Mexico, 1864 Eagle 3c brown, used cut close	22 00
Mexico, 1867 Gothic surcharge ½r gray, used	7 75
Mexico, 1867 Gothic surcharge 1r blue used	6 75
Mexico, 1867 Gothic surcharge 8r brown, used	5 50
New Brunswick, 1857 1sh violet, used.	34 00
New Foundland, 1857 4p scarlet vermilion, used	7 25
New Foundland, 1857 6p scarlet vermilion, used	9 50
New South Wales, 1850 Sydney view 1p red Plate I, used	6 25
New South Wales, 1850 Sydney view 1p red, retouched, used	6 25
New South Wales, Sydney view 1p red retouched	6 75
New South Wales, 1850 Sydney view 2p blue Plate III (2d retouch) used.	5 75
New South Wales, 1850 Sydney view 3p green, used	6 00
New South Wales, 1853 8p orange, used	8 50
New Zealand, 1855 blue paper 1p red used	5 80

(Continued in next issue.)

EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT.

TERMS.—One half cent per word each insertion. No Exchange Notice received for less than 10c. All charges must be paid in advance. No display allowed.

I WANT for cash or exchange any quantity of Pence issues of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; highest prices paid. H. F. KETCHESON, Box 499, Belleville, Ont.

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I WILL exchange Canada Bill and Law Stamps for U. S. Rare Stamps singly or in quantity. H. F. KETCHESON, Belleville, Ont.

EXCHANGE—I want to start a Collection of Canada Bill, Law, Gas, Weight, Etc., also Ontario, Quebec, Manitoba and Nova Scotia Law and Bill Stamps; and have United States Document Stamps to exchange for any of the above. MAURICE E. FINNEY, Harrisburg, Pa.

I WANT any amount of cut square United States envelopes with wide margins, I will give 10 different cigarette pictures for every 100 set me. BEN F. LEVY, Lexington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

I WILL give good U. S. Postage, Envelopes or Revenue Stamps, in exchange for Canadian Postage and Revenues not in my collection. Send duplicates on approval with list of wants. NICHOLAS ADLER, Louisville, Ky.

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